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SUBJ: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS PROGRAM - DAM CONSTRUCTION

1. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR NOV 25 PRESIDENT BONGO STATED HE WANTED TO BUILD SECOND DAM ON OGOOUE RIVER NEAR FRANCEVILLE AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AMERICAN COMPANY BUILD IT. SECOND DAM NEEDED TO PROVIDE ENERGY FOR PROPOSED FERRO-MANGANESE PLANT AT FRANCEVILLE.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT AND ONE IN WHICH AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE AGAIN BEEN GIVEN INITIAL ADVANTAGE AT AND BY HIGHEST LEVEL. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT USDOC PASS ABOVE TO SEVERAL SERIOUS AMERICAN FIRMS, STRESSING REQUEST COMES FROM PRESIDENT BONGO HIMSELF AND IMPORTANCE TO FUTURE AMERICAN BUSINESS OF MEETING PRESIDENT'S REQUEST AS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. TWO POSSIBILITIES THAT IMMEDIATELY OCCUR TO EMBASSY ARE MORRISON-KNUDSEN WHICH HAS HAD SOME EXPERIENCE WITH GABON (ALBEIT LESS THAN SATISFACTORY, THIS MAY IN FACT GIVE THEM SLIGHT ADVANTAGE OF SYMPATHY) AND LOUIS BERGER, WHICH CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ENGINEERING FOR EXTENSION OF LIBREVILLE INTERCONTINENTAL. TWO COMPANIES MAY IN FACT BE NECESSARY -- ONE TO DO ENGINEERING, OTHER TO DO CONSTRUCTION.

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3. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP MORE DETAILS ON PROJECT

IN NEXT WEEK WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MINISTRY OF MINES
IN CHARGE OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES.

4. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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